THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No proposal is pending for Cost Sharing work, however, 3 proposals of ROBs (Road Over Bridges) (1) near Fared on Pathankot-Jogindernagar Section (2) near Tillha Village on Sirhind-Unna Section and (3) near Baijnath Mahakal on Pathankot-Jogindernagar Section, are pending.

(b) All the Three proposals are to be taken up on deposit terms. These will be taken up only after State Govt. fulfills all the preliminary pre-requisites & deposits money (Cost of the works) with Railways.

Multi pronged programme to combat terrorism

693. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest multi-pronged programme chalked out by Indian Railways to combat the menace of terrorist, naxalites and other disruptive forces trying to target trains and stations;

(b) the details thereof, till-date;

(c) whether CCTVs have been installed at all metro and other railway stations as well as deployment of adequate number of RPF; and

(d) what budgetary allocation has been made during the current financial year as compared to previous year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Railway Protection Force, an Armed Force of the Union under Ministry of Railways, is presently supplementing the efforts of the respective State Governments in combating terrorist, naxalites and other disruptive activities over Railways. Although the maintenance of the law and order and to tackle the problem of terrorists, naxalites attacks and other disruptive activities over Railways is the responsibility of the State Government concerned through Government Railway Police. However, Railway Protection Force is supplementing the Government Railway Police to tackle such problems. Following measures have been initiated for strengthening of RPF *viz*.-

i) RPF/RPSF staff have been deployed at important stations and in trains and briefed to be prepared to tackle any situation.

ii) Staffs have been put on alert to prevent such incidents.

iii) Government Railway Police and State Police have also been asked to strengthen the security arrangements at Railway stations and in trains.

iv) Close coordination with State Police and Intelligence agencies have been maintained to share information of such acts.

v) Allocation of Rs 60.76 Crore for procurement of modern security equipment for RPF.

vi) Allocation of Rs 14.26 Crore for procurement of vehicles for RPF.

vii) Implementation of an Integrated Security System over all the railway stations of four metro cities *viz*. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai and 140 other sensitive/vulnerable railway stations of the country. The above system consists of following four broad areas-

1) IP based CCTV surveillance system.

2) Access Control

3) Personal and Baggage Screening System and

4) Bomb Detection and Disposal System

viii) RPF has been upgraded with modern weaponry/security gadgets like INSAS 5.56mm rifles, AK-47, SLR 7.62mm, Carbine 9 mm, Pistol 9mm, Bullet Proof Jackets and Helmets, Walkie-Talkie, Hand Held Metal Detectors, Door Frame Metal Detectors, etc.

(ix) It has been proposed to give commando training to 2 RPSF Battalions and deployment of trained staff at strategic locations. It has also been proposed to raise three additional Battalions of RPSF.

(d) There is no separate Head for Security purposes. Funds are made available for the procurement of Security equipments and modernization/strengthening of the Railway Protection Force from appropriate heads of account like Works Programme, Machinery & Plants (M&P) Head, Passenger Amenity Head etc. Allocation of funds for Security purposes is made as per requirement.

Proposals for railway projects in Maharashtra

694. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals/references have been received from the State of Maharashtra from time to time for making adequate provision in railway budget for new railway line, widening of existing railway lines and doubling of existing railway lines in Maharashtra on the demand and recommendations of railway project by MPs, MLAs and MLCs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard with particular reference to attachment of Nanded railway division to Central Railway and transfer of railway land under the abandoned Lature-Harangul narrow gauge railway line to the Government of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. References have been received from State Government for providing sufficient fund for early completion of projects. As regards transfer of railway land under the abandoned Latur- Harangul narrow gauge, railway land measuring 30.36 hect. out of 39.56 hect. land has since been handed over to Government of Maharashtra.

There is no proposal under consideration to attach Nanded Railway Division with Central Railway. Moreover, the decision to place a particular division under a particular zone is taken based on the operational administrative requirements without any regional consideration. The present arrangement is working satisfactorily.